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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## DRAMATIC INCREASE IN CONDO CONVERSIONS SPURS CITY ATTORNEY TO URGE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

City Faces 78 Challenges for Failure to Follow State Law

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In the last 18 months, apartment to condo conversions have skyrocketed in the City of San Diego. Between February 1, 2004, and June 28, 2005, the City received applications to convert 11,422 rental units to condominiums. Because of this dramatic increase, City Attorney Michael Aguirre is advising the City to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for condominium conversions to ensure that there are no adverse physical effects resulting from the loss of affordable rental

housing stock.

DATE & TIME: Thursday, November 10, 2005 at 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION: City Administration Building, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor

202 C Street, Downtown San Diego

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